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Gentlemen:

Enclosed are two copies of the Phase 2 Report CRC Report No. NAV A/W 4, on the subject contract. This report covers the period from December 3, 1981 through June 29, 1982 and completes Phase 2 of the subject contract. On approval of this Phase, CRC Automatic Welding will initiate Phase 3, Equipment Construction, immediately.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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INTRODUCTION

The overall objective of this program is to design, construct, demonstrate, and deliver an automated, Narrow Gap welding system capable of welding high strength steel plates under shipyard production conditions in the construction of aircraft carrier decks. The unique feature of the automated Narrow Gap welding process, is the narrow (3/8 - inch), square-butt joint design. This narrow joint greatly reduces the volume of weld metal required for thick (2-to 4-inch) plates compared to the conventional, beveled joint design in current practice and represents the potential of greatly reducing fabrication time and costs. The weld metal is deposited with a modified, gas-metal-arc (GMA) welding process resulting in very high joint finishing rates, excellent weld mechanical properties, and less distortion from welding.

The program is being conducted in five phases:

- (1) Definition of Requirements
- (2) Design of Welder Package
- (3) Equipment Construction
- (4) Qualification of Process and Equipment
- (5) Shipyard Demonstration

Phase I was completed slightly ahead of schedule and the Phase I Report, CRC Report No. Nav A/W 1 was submitted November 5, 1981. Phase 1 was devoted to a thorough review of the requirements that must be met by a shipyard production Automated Narow Gap Welding System (ANGWS)

PHASE 2 - DESIGN OF WELDER PACKAGE

The objective of Phase 2 was the detailed design of the welder package (ANGWS). The design philosophy that was used is as follows:

- 1. Keep the design and manufacture as simple as possible consistent with operational requirements.
- 2. Design and build in high equipment reliability, portability and ruggedness.
- 3. Make the equipment simple to operate with a high degree of reproducibility in a typical shipyard environment.
- 4. Make the equipment simple to maintain utilizing available shippard skills.

Design Approach

Close liaison with David Taylor Naval Research and Development Center (DTNSRDC), Navsea PNS 392, Navsea O5E2, and Newport News, Shipbuilding (NNS) has been maintained throughout the Phase 2 design effort. In

particular, the input from Newport News Shipbuilding was of prime importance to insure that the welder package (ANGWS) was as simple as possible to setup, to operate, and to maintain in a shippard environment.

The ANGWS is a totally automatic, closed-loop feedback system. There is no man-machine interface during operation of the system. The design approach that was followed was to modularize the components of the welding system to simplify design, construction, and field maintenance. The major components of the system are: (1) wire drive/wire straightener, (2) carriage/carriage drive, (3) oscillator/torch assembly with automatic centering and automatic width control and automatic contact tube-to-work control, (4) gas-shielding assembly, (5) contact-tube assembly, (6) welding power supply, and (7) microprocessor and electronic circuitry.

The physical and environmental constraints on the system design were defined during the Phase 1 effort and outlined in the Phase 1 report, "Definition of Requirements", dated November 5, 1981, CRC Report No. NAV A/W 1. The problems encountered during the design phase and the solutions to those problems were discussed in detail in the First Progress Report, CRC Report No. NAV A/W 2, dated December 5, 1981, and the Second Progress Report, CRC Report No. NAV A/W 3, dated June 1, 1982.

Design Drawings

The component assembly drawings, the individual part drawings of components, the assembly and schematic drawings for the printed circuit boards and the computer enclosure are enclosed. Some of the drawings are stamped "Preliminary".

It is the policy of the CRC Engineering Department to mark all drawings preliminary until the prototype system has been fabricated, tested, and accepted.

The first letter designates the size of the drawing. The middle letters are the initials of the design engineer.

A list of the drawings is attached. There are 184 drawings. Submission and acceptance of these drawings will conclude Phase 2. On approval of DTNSRDC, Phase 3, Equipment Construction, will be initiated.

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